UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JODY KRISS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

10 Civ. 03959 (LGS)

-against-

ORDER

BAYROCK GROUP, LLC, et al.,

Defendants. :

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LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, District Judge:

WHEREAS, by email on April 5, 2016, the Court received the attached request from the Miami Herald that the original complaint in this case be unsealed;

WHEREAS, a similar motion has been filed by another non-party, Brian Vodicka, and is due to be heard on May 12, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.; it is hereby

**ORDERED** that counsel for Miami Herald may (but need not) seek to intervene in the action as an interested party, and join Vodicka's motion or file a separate motion. It is further

**ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court (1) file the attached document on the Docket Sheet, and (2) mail a copy of this Order to the following address:

Casey Frank Miami Herald Investigations Editor Miami Herald 3511 NW 91 Avenue Miami, FL 33172

Chambers will email a copy of this Order to mrvasquez@MiamiHerald.com.

Dated: April 7, 2016

New York, New York

Lorna G. Schofield

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



3511 NW 91 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172

## REQUEST FOR CIVIL COMPLAINT TO BE UNSEALED

To: Judge Lorna G. Schofield, Southern District of New York From: Miami Herald Media Company, Investigations Editor Casey Frank

The Miami Herald Media Company hereby makes this request that the civil complaint in case #1:10-cv-03959-LGS-FM (Kriss et al v. BayRock Group LLC et al) be unsealed. Further, it is requested of the court that this document, once unsealed, be made available without any redactions.

The Miami Herald believes it is legally entitled to view this civil complaint in unredacted form. This document was sealed in May of 2010, and the circumstances that justified its sealing likely not longer exist.

Additionally, the Miami Herald's request is supported by a Feb. 24, 2016 decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. This appeals court decision (#15-0374-cv, Bruce Bernstein v. Bernstein Litowitz Berger et al) affirmed a Southern District of New York ruling that a complaint "is a judicial document subject to a presumption of public access under the First Amendment and the common law."

Should you wish to speak with me personally, I am happy to discuss this matter further. I can be reached at (305) 376-3431 or via email at <a href="mailto:cfrank@MiamiHerald.com">cfrank@MiamiHerald.com</a>. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Casey Frank Miami Herald Investigations Editor